

Personal Mention

Virgil P. Kline and Ray Brann, who at various times have been connected in official capacities with some of the larger concerns of the country, are having considerable success in their partnership which was formed some time back. So far these boys have drilled five producing wells without a miss, and have three other tests now drilling that look like their record will be kept intact. They are two of the most prominent operators in the mid-continent field and have a large following of friends.

Col. L. S. Kemper, who hails from most anywhere these days, has been in Tulsa for the past 19 days and will once more become a resident of Tulsa. Colonel is well known throughout all of the oil fields of the world and has worked out some interesting geological features. He is continually in the field working over new areas and is due for something worth while.

Mark Curtis, who generally can be found where there is a new excitement, has centered his activities in the development in the western portion of the state around Sayre, in Beckham county, where he is starting a deep test. Mr. Curtis has drilled many a test in the various states, but of late he has had no luck in getting a producing well. He is a wildcat pure and simple and one of these days is bound to strike something.

W. A. Reiter, W. R. Foster and Earl Sneed, who did all of the preliminary work in the Tulsa and Tulsa pools in east central Texas for the Humphreys interests, are now heading the Reiter Oil corporation and they have gathered together some choice acreage. The company has offices in Dallas and recently opened Tulsa offices in the Tulsa building. At present the company is drilling two wells, both in Kansas, one being in Cowley county and the other in Greenwood. The company has choice Oklahoma and Texas holdings and is due to become one of the large concerns. Upon the board of this company will be found some of the prominent oil men of this country.

Clyde Fowler has moved back to Bartlesville, but is around Tulsa almost weekly looking after his various interests. Mr. Fowler is one of the best posted men in the business and generally can be found in a play that is getting attention.

Ed Carrouthers has returned to Tulsa after spending several months in Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Carrouthers divides his time between his old settled production near Bartlesville and his large apple farm in northern Michigan. At present he is doing no drilling but is preparing for an active spring.

Will Baker and Oscar Goldrick, who have been drilling around Eastland and Callahan counties in Texas for the past several years, finally proved that their faith in that country was well founded as they are interested in a greater portion of the production of the Pioneer pool in Eastland county, and are due to make a big winning out of the proposition.

James Hickey and Joe Clay, who have been drilling in and around Bowling Green, Ky., for the past several years, have decided that

Oklahoma holds out better inducements and they are preparing to do some drilling within the next few weeks. Mr. Hickey is a nephew of Martin P. Daly of Cleveland and has spent the greater portion of his life in the oil business.

Will Bona and Harry Stein of Denver have been looking over the mid-continent field during the past several weeks and have come back to Colorado. They were well pleased with the prospects for the coming year. These gentlemen are officers of the Offset Oil company of Denver, which has been procuring interests in various portions of Oklahoma and Texas. The company will open Tulsa offices in the very near future.

C. K. Kelsoy, formerly connected with the land department of the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., is drilling a test in Mitchell county, Texas, and so far the indications are good for the prospects of the area in the western portion of the state that has been attracting some attention during the past several months. So far the showings have been found in the various tests and the geologists have made favorable reports upon the area.

Jack Shannon, who has been in practically every oil field in this country and who is now head of the land department of the Snowden-McSweeney interests, spent a few days in Tulsa going over the affairs of the local office. Mr. Shannon maintains his headquarters at Fort Worth. When his purchases for the year are summed up it will be found that Shannon has had wonderful success in picking acreage. He does not believe in paying high prices, but when a wildcat well is found that is of any importance you will find his concern with a piece of acreage.

Hal Stover is back in Tulsa after nearly two years' absence in Texas, where he has been drilling many wells in the Ranger and Breckenridge pools. Mr. Stover is one of the most able contractors in the business and one never finds his tools idle. At present he is interested in a well being drilled in Seminole county.

Jack Livingston, who was connected with the Livingston Oil corporation some time back and who has followed the oil business for a number of years, has forsaken the oil business for the time being and his address is now Hollywood, Cal. He is taking parts in various pictures and is slated to be the lead in several pictures during the present year.

Jack Darragh, who had offices in Tulsa two years ago, long enough to get some production, is now making his home in New York City and is just taking things easy at this time. James Gerard, former associate of Darragh, is associated with Mr. Darragh in the Oklahoma production.

Aubrey Romina, who originally hails from Charleston, W. Va., can be seen around Tulsa these days and is now associated with the Roxana Petroleum company. Mr. Romina has had production in the east-central fields and his entrance into Oklahoma is welcomed by a large list of friends.

James Pickett, who has been as-

stant head of the Roxana Petroleum company, is now in charge of the affairs of that company with the resignation of Clark Ranney, who left to take charge of the land department of the Wrightman Oil company.

Tom Thompson of Denver was in Tulsa for a few days recently looking after the interests of the Loup-Tex Oil company of which he is the head. The company has offices at Dallas and is gathering some good looking holdings in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. The company is backed by Denver capital.

Morris Stein, one of the field ones in the oil business, now calls Camden, Ark., his home. It is a hard matter to keep track of this progressive leader as he can be found in most any part of the country where there is any excitement going on, no matter if it is east or west. He was interested in some production in Kentucky, but of late has been playing Texas, where he managed to get in on the ground floor as he always does. Between this and Oklahoma and Arkansas he is kept busy.

Mason James is back in Tulsa after a trip in Virginia lasting several months. He has been in Texas for the past four years, but will again locate work in the Oklahoma fields. Mr. James was at Nowata during the early days of that excitement and he may drill some tests in this area for a deeper producing sand.

John Shephard, who has pioneered many localities and who still continues his wildcat activities, is at present drilling three wells, all of which are in Texas, but in Oklahoma he is not idle and will start several tests in the very near future. It will be recalled that Mr. Shephard started the Rogers well at Mexia, which was the discovery well, turning it over to the Humphreys interests before its completion. He also opened the Shephard pool in Muskogee county, some years ago. He is at present interested in Montague county, Texas, where he is drilling two wells, one which spudded in on Christmas day. This is in the area that is now attracting so much attention.

Gene Huff is paying special attention to Greenwood county, Kansas, these days and he has scattered interests in that county, and possibly keeps in closer touch with operations there than any of the individual operators. Mr. Huff does not confine himself to any special district, but plays wherever he thinks there is a good chance for gain.

Replogle & Johnston, a partnership formed at Okemah two years ago by W. G. Johnston and D. Replogle, has proved to be a profitable one. These parties are not old ones in the business, but for the time they have been in it they have been very successful. They have disposed of large holdings in Oklahoma, Hughes and Seminole counties at a fancy figure, but still retain a large acreage and stand a chance to make a nice clean-up in the near future.

Leo Kaufman, well-known oil man, has recently gone into the manufacturing of chemicals under the name of the Southern Chemical company. This concern will manufacture Nodex for treating boiler feed water as well as for water used

in cooling systems of gas engines. A household powder for domestic and general cleaning purposes will also be manufactured. A little later this manufacturing of disinfectants, germicides will be started and heavy chemicals for agriculture, refining and manufacturing trade will also be handled.

"Andy" Gastlin, who was associated with Dr. J. C. Wilhoit at the time of his death about two years ago, was well known wherever oil is produced, being one of the best known and of the disposition to make and hold friends wherever he happened to make his abiding place. He was with the Carter Oil company under J. Edgar Fox for a couple of years before relinquishing his job to go with the Doctor's Oil company. His picture will be noted with great interest by his numerous friends throughout the oil fields.

Tonkawa Field Still Continues Most Active of Any Spot in the Country

Operations at Tonkawa are assuming considerable proportions. Rotaries are used almost exclusively in drilling except for outlying tests, where it is necessary to keep close check on formations, and an actual shortage of drilling equipment is now being experienced. With reference to drill pipe, the shortage is especially noticeable.

What with 11 locations, 27 rigs, 11 rigging 43 drilling and 8 stand-alone, no wonder the entire area is being combed for rotary drilling outfits that can be moved at once to Tonkawa.

Attention of late has been concentrated on what some operators believe is a northwest trend. Since Comar Oil company brought in a nice well in the southeast of the northwest of 34-25-1w, many believe that the Marland-Gosden test drilling in the southeast of the northeast of 33-25-1w will make a good producer. Ponca City operators have started a test in the southeast of the southwest of 28-25-1w. Acreage to the northwest of production is getting into the hands of the larger companies, who are paying fancy prices for protection in this direction.

A statistical resume of production and operations is interesting. Production figures shown are the weekly average for the week ended December 23. The daily average production, as indicated in the following summary, does not give justice to the field because two of the largest producers, Slick's No. 1 Endicott in the southwest of the southwest of 35-25-1w, and Gypsy's No. 3 Clark in the northwest of the northwest of 2-24-1w, were not completed until the latter part of the week, and their two or three days' production was nevertheless divided by seven to get the weekly average. The highest daily production has been close to 32,000 barrels.

The entire field has 67 producing wells, and the past week has averaged 23,405 barrels daily.

Why Give Thanks?
Mother always had little Tommy say grace before meals, and she made no exception to the rule when she took him to luncheon with her one day at a restaurant. After the luncheon had been served, she said, "Now, Tommy, say grace, please."
"But, mama," he objected, "we're paying for this, aren't we?—Harper's Magazine."

"A Prosperous 1923!"

—Is Our Prediction

Everything is relative. To a child a five-foot man looks like a giant. A 12-cylinder automobile alongside a modern railroad engine seems small. In a colony of blind men a one-eyed man would be king. And so it goes.

Prosperity, likewise, is relative. Compared with the hilariously prosperous days of 1919 and early 1920, the new year just beginning, 1923, may seem a little dull—but, compared with the depression of the latter part of 1920, all of 1921, and even with a good part of 1922, it is our prediction that 1923 will be bright indeed.

1923 will reward WORKERS! The decks are cleared for real accomplishments. Merit will have its reward. The man who WANTS to work and will WORK HARD will have plenty of work at good pay. The company that makes honest merchandise and puts QUALITY into everything produced will find good markets at prices that will afford fair and reasonable profits. What more can any fair-minded person ask?

THRIFT will come into its own in 1923. Much of the money that "came easy" during the inflated boom period "went easy." Many who received large pay and large profits had nothing solid to show for it when the boom collapsed. Not so with 1923—money will not come quite so easily, nor will it go so easily. Men and companies will profit by past mistakes and adopt "thrift" as their steady companion. The end of 1923 will find individuals and companies better off financially than they have ever been, if they are wise.

Tulsa people particularly, are fortunate in the opportunities they have before them. The immense oil business of this territory is good, and getting better. Agricultural products are commanding better prices. Building is going on in Tulsa at a rapid rate. Tulsa is growing—Tulsa property is becoming more valuable.

So let's all welcome 1923 as a year of opportunities. Let's grasp every opportunity for work and progress that comes to us. And, let's MAKE opportunities where they do not now exist. The Tulsa Spirit says to each and every one of us, "FORWARD—with vision clarified by past mistakes—and with brain and hands ready and alert for the vital WORK that will make a prosperous 1923 for all."

Charles F. Roeser

WISHES

The Entire Oil Fraternity

Tulsa, Oklahoma

A Happy and Prosperous New Year
January First 1923

Breckenridge, Texas

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R. H. (Bob) FITZGERALD

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